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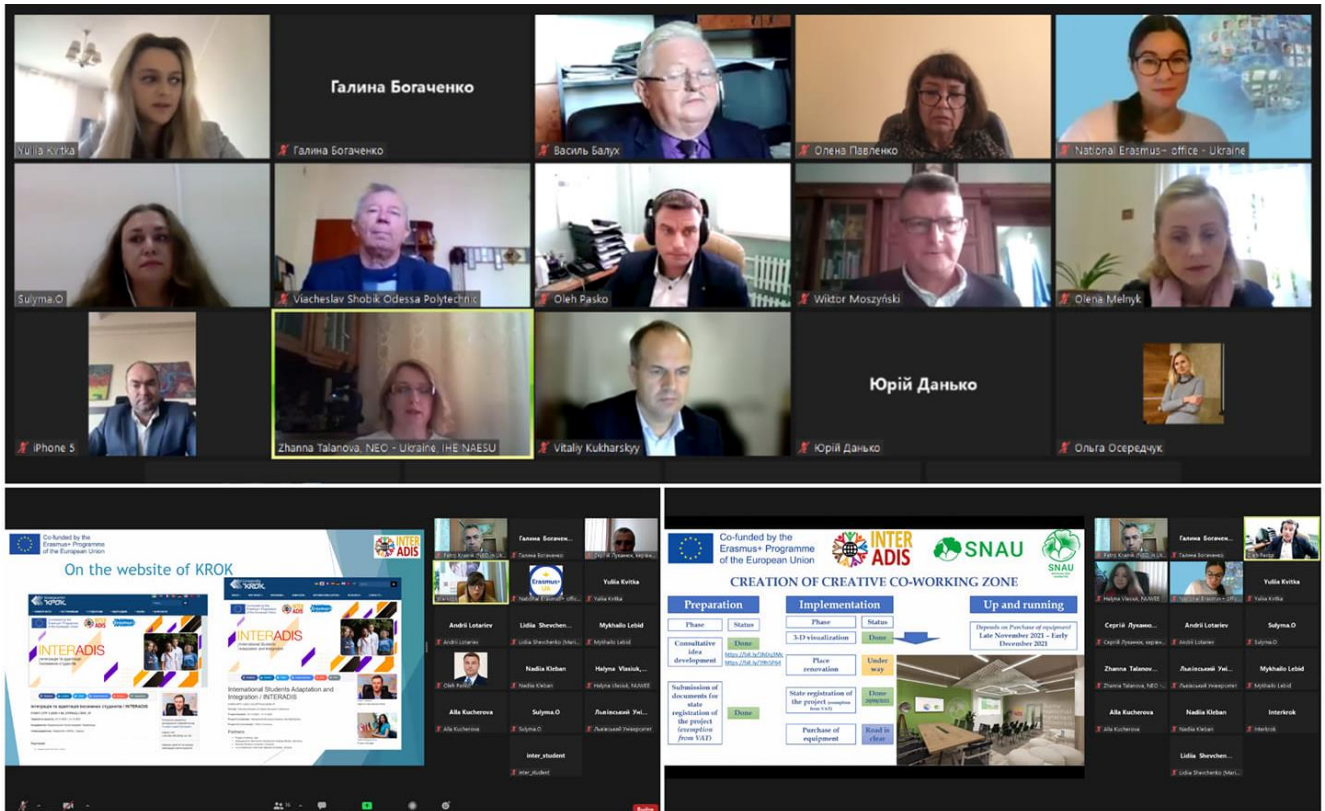


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Monitoring of INTERADIS project by Ukrainian national Erasmus+ Office



1 October 2021, the monitoring of EU Erasmus+ project INTERADIS International Students Adaptation and Integration (619451-EPP-1-2020-1-NL-EPPKA2-CBHE-JP) was held online with moderation of V.N.Karazin Kharkiv National University with participation of the Ukrainian Universities, INTERADIS partners.

The monitoring program included:

- meeting with the Rectors/Vice-Rectors of the Ukrainian partner HEIs;
- summary of the achieved project results;
- presentation of each team project results, discussion of project key issues;
- communication with administrative and academic staff of the departments that work with international students;
- discussion with financial administrators/responsible persons for project financial management;
- formulation of the preliminary monitoring conclusions (NEO Ukraine team). Discussion and summing-up the monitoring conclusions with all participants.

Representatives of the National Erasmus + Office in Ukraine Zhanna Talanova, Doctor of Science, Analytical Manager, coordinator of National HERE team, Kateryna Zhdanova, Expert in

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Communications and Mobility Programs, and Petro Krainik, Jean Monet and Project Registration Expert, provided recommendations for project implementation to all universities.

Project Steering Committee 2

at Yuriy Fedkovych Chernivtsi National University, Ukraine



4-5 October 2021 2nd Project Steering Committee Meeting of EU Erasmus+ project INTERADIS International Students Adaptation and Integration (619451-EPP-1-2020-1-NL-EPPKA2-CBHE-JP) was hosted by Yuriy Fedkovych Chernivtsi National University.

The team of Coordinators summarized the achievements of the project and presented the current results, as well as held sessions on management issues. Ukrainian partner universities presented their own activities. The project goals, tasks, schedule, study visits and trainings of the INTERADIS project were discussed at the meeting, the activities of the 2nd package on building the potential of internationalization were considered in detail. The results of monitoring of the project by National Erasmus Office were discussed. The project quality management documents were finalized separately. All participants actively participated in networking, exchange of experience, ideas, further plans.

Many thanks to Yuriy Fedkovych Chernivtsi National University for hosting of the event and to all partners, who arrived for the meeting physically!

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Study Visit + Training at Mykolas Romeris Universtiy, Vilnius, Lithuania



11-15 October 2021 the Study Visit, combined with Training was organized at Mykolas Romeris University, Vilnius, Lithuania, in the frameworks of EU Erasmus+ project #INTERADIS "International Students Adaptation and Integration".

The extensive program included the list of issues:

National Agency welcome and presentation "Lithuanian HEIs in Erasmus+ international dimension and update on possibilities for Ukrainian-European partners in the coming calls"- Coordinator responsible for KA107 and CBHE and curates MRU (TBC);

Presentation of MRU International Office and changes over time (organizational structure and staff functions), by Head of International Office Mrs. Audra Dargytė Burokienė, Q&A;

On -site Survey of participants (trainees of IO) Recruitment, admission, pre-arrival preparation, integration questions;

Academic Affairs Center (structure and staff functions in relation to international students integration), by Head of Academic Affairs center assoc.prof. dr. Inga Daukšienė;

Pre-arrival preparation and guidance services to admitted international students. Step by step sharing of MRU practice by Chief Manager of Incoming Students Ms.Inesa Cvetkova;



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ESN MRU Vilnius section (Students-Mentors team);

Presentation and Interactive session of King Sejong, Institute Vilnius by Senior Manager Ms. Karolina Zakarauskaitė and administrator of KSI Vilnius;

Admission, marketing and recruitment practices of Mykolas Romeris University;

Admission results of latest intake with practical demonstration on tools used by MRU (Dreamapply -as a tool for marketing and admissions administration system) - International Marketing and Admissions Manager Ms. Aura Greičiūtė;

MRU Ambassadors programme: experiences and results from last intake, lessons learned and how we use them in reshaping the programme- Senior manager of Admissions and Marketing office Ms. Sandra Ščerbo;

Meeting with Ukrainian Ambassador in Lithuania H.E. Mr. Volodymyr Yatsenkivskyi Social Innovations doctoral school (international applicants, procedures, internships for doctoral students) engagement of doctoral student into MRU LAB projects – Head of Social Innovations Doctoral School Ms. Loreta Paukštytė;

Sustainability strategy of MRU and activities engaging students. dr. Nomeda Gudelienė, advisor to Vice-Rector for Sustainable development;

Integration of After arrival integration of international students. Practical experience of the whole cycle starting from Introductory week, orientation, student mentors activities, socio-cultural integration, mid-term follow-up, counselling and related services during entire study period. Chief Manager of Incoming Students Ms. Inesa Cvetkova;

Vilnius municipality support to integration of international students “Go Vilnius” presentation of activities and opportunities;

International student integration. Student experiences by Hatice, Emine, Christian;

Visit to the Center for Civil Education.

Many thank to MRU team for organization of such a wonderful and efficient Event!

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Video to celebrate Erasmus Days

INTERADIS team celebrated Erasmus Days 14-16 October 2021 during the Visit to Mykolas Romeris University shooting the video about the value of Erasmus for the project participants. The video was professionally prepared by the team of Sumy National Agrarian University, with participation of all INTERADIS Universities. We invite you to watch the video following the link:

<https://youtu.be/bop1fNAm10>



Training at Netherlands Business Academy, Dordrecht, the Netherlands

In the middle of November 2021 the Training with elements of Study Visit was organized at Netherlands Business Academy, Dordrecht, the Netherlands, in frameworks of the EU Erasmus+ project INTERADIS "International Students Adaptation and Integration", with participation of the project teams from KROK University, Yuriy Fedkovych Chernivtsi National University, Odessa National Politechnical University, Mariupol State University, Sumy National Agrarian University, V.N.Karazin Kharkiv National University, Ivan Franko National University, National University of Water and Environmental Engineering.

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The participants of the training were treated as International students and experienced the welcome practices on themselves. The program focused on different aspects of Personality, Communication, methods of work, with involvement of very experienced and famous trainers of NLBA. Different aspects of work with International students were discussed with Marketing and Administration departments, international students themselves.

Moreover the following topics were covered during the Training:

“Personality analyses. Behaviour. Character” by Prof Jan van Zwieten RA, RI, RO, Rector of the Netherlands Business Academy, entrepreneur, mediator, commissioner, author, advisor, coach, trainer.

“Negotiation & Conflict management” by Gea van Klompenburg, experienced mediator specialising in family – court and criminal case mediations. Olena Parkhomenko, associate professor of Karazin Business School, member of Erasmus+ CBHE project “Mediation: Training and Society Transformation”, MEDIATS was involved to present basics of mediation.

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“Culture & citizenship. Strategy of Internationalization of Universities” by Dr. Steve Austin, experienced pioneer in arts and entrepreneurship in Europe and director MBA CHC and Farid Tabarki, columnist FD, trend watcher and essayist. Steve Austin also presented best practices of another Erasmus+ project “European Citizenship, Heritage and Culture” 2017-2020, coordinated by NLBA.

“City strategy on internationalization” by Peter Heijkoop, Vice-mayor Dordrecht.

“Action research” by Tonnie van der Zouwen PhD, expert concerning effective use of Large Scale Interventions.

“The true Talent Game” by Tara Dik, performance coach and trainer.

Many thanks to Netherlands Business Academy for organization of such a wonderful Event! Such activities will help us to understand international students better and easily deal with them.

News from KGNU



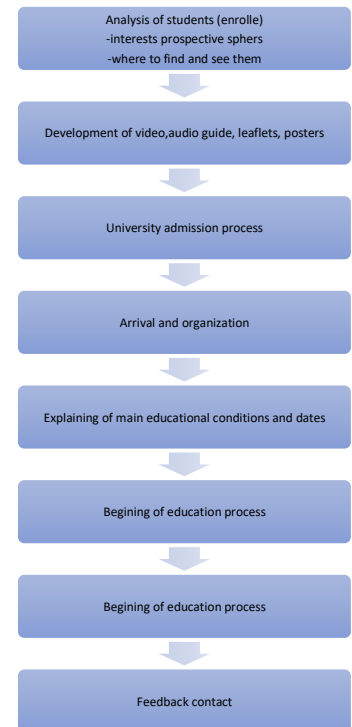
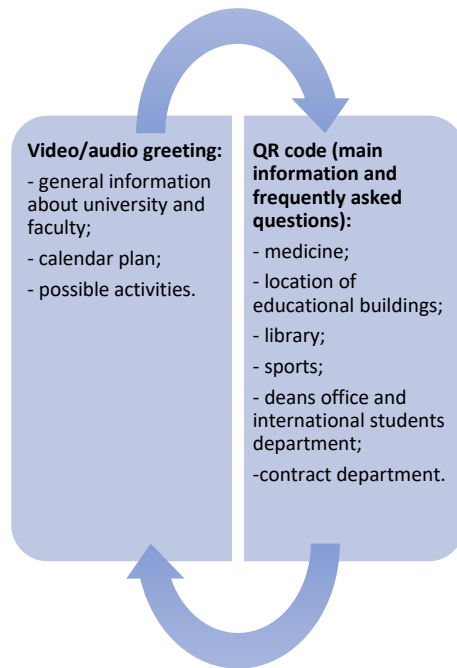
The team of Karazin Business School of V.N.Karazin Kharkiv National University had a great training, the main topic of which was “International students admission and integration practices”. We had a great opportunity to get knowledge and new ideas to develop this sphere on our department.

As a result we made a list and brief description of the EU practices, that the project team will appropriate at Karazin Business School. We think that it is really important to develop a video guide for international students to go through the adaptation easier. It will be the combination of video/audio general information about university and faculty; calendar plan; possible activities and other possible actual facts. System of QR code can help to know useful prompt information at the university, such as medicine; location of educational buildings; library; sports; deans office and international students department; contract department.

To ensure the feasibility and sustainability of the European practices implementation at Karazin Business School, firstly, it is good to make SWOT analyses to see our strength and weaknesses and due to it build up opportunities and cover threats.

Secondly, we need to hold on trainings of personnel, who work with international students (improvement of English level and learning some cultural aspects).

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It is very important to involve international students in the university life and activities, that is why holding of seminars for both foreign and Ukrainian students is a good idea. It can be really productive cooperation. Participation in social and scientific projects can discover new opportunities.

Also it is good to organize informal events to adopt international students to our culture and region (sightseen, places to visit).

In conditions of pandemic we think that it is useful to hold on-line meetings, speaking clubs, business games to help our international students communicate, stay motivated and to control their psychological state.

The ideal way to provide all transformations and holding work in positive way in this sphere is organization of special international students department in Karazin Business School, but unfortunately, nowadays we don't have enough opportunities to manage it.

Our project team received all answers to our questions and we really grateful for such a great experience. Sample of the list of regular year activities:

- Speaking club;
- Organization of student chats in Telegram, what's app;
- Excursions;
- Native country presentation with speech, songs, traditions
- Feedback contact

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News from SNAU

On October 27, 2021, during the week of the Faculty of Economics and Management, a meeting was held with faculty's foreign students to acquaint them with the InterADIS project and the latest advances in this project, as well as to exchange views on improving conditions for international students, in particular taking into account Covid-19 pandemic restrictions.



News from NUWEE

Celebration of the International Students' Day at NUWEE

Every year on November 17 the world celebrates the International Students' Day, a holiday of youth and life. Traditionally, this holiday is celebrated in the National University of Water and Environmental Engineering.

Rector Viktor Moshynskiy, Vice-Rector for Research and International Affairs Nataliia Savina and all the staff of the Center for International Cooperation and Education, headed by Igor Tymoshchuk

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congratulated the NUWEE international students. A special guest of this event was the head of Rivne, the esteemed mayor Oleksandr Tretiak.

The Rector addressed the students with a welcoming speech, wishing them curiosity and new achievements. Natalia Savina, Vice-Rector for Research and International Affairs, in turn stressed the importance of student years in everyone's life, encouraged students to value this time and actively participate not only in the educational process but also in the socio-cultural life of the university.



Mayor of Rivne Oleksandr Tretiak addressed the students with a welcoming speech in Ukrainian and English, shared pleasant memories of his student years and the experience of volunteering in African countries.

Mr. Oleksandr Tretiak got acquainted with NUWEE international students who presented their creative achievements in Ukrainian with very heartfelt video presentations, took part in the interactive activities. When communicating with students the Mayor mention: "I am glad that young people from Ghana, Ethiopia, Congo, Turkmenistan, Morocco, Nigeria, Libya and Ecuador, the Union of the Comoros, who study at the National University of Water and Environmental Engineering, have loved our city and want to build their future here!"

During the event the Mayor also presented the initiated project for young people "Live, Study and Work in Rivne", which aims to develop the scientific, educational and cultural potential of our city, to make it more comfortable and inspiring place.

The event, organized by the Department for International Students Affairs, headed by Vladyslav Solodkyi, was aimed to bring together young people from different countries to establish intercultural communication and friendship, as well as to introduce students to Buddy volunteers who were selected within the INTERADIS project implementation.

So, casual communication, discussion on comfort and safety of study and living in the city of Rivne, as well as interesting competitions in a pile of goodies made it possible to remove barriers between

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International and Ukrainian students. The opportunity to learn more about cultures of other countries, to improve the knowledge of different languages and to lay the foundation for the implementation of various projects - this is what became the highlight of this holiday in NUWEE.



IS integration practices and experience at NUWEE

On October 27, 2021, an online meeting with 1-st year students in the mayor of Management was held by Professor Dmytro Nikitenko, participant of the working group of INTERADIS grant project "International Students Adaptation and Integration" (619451-ERR-1-2020-1-NL-EPPKA2-CBHE-JP).

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The international experience of adaptation and integration of international students on the example of Mykolas Romeris University (Vilnius, Lithuania) was presented at this meeting. Students expressed great interest in participating in the mentoring and / or buddy-program to implement better international students' adaptation practices at the NUWEE.



At the same time, the adaptation practices of NUWEE international students are being implemented. Thus, on October 27, 2021, NUWEE international students, Head of the Department for International Students Affairs Vladyslav Solodkyi and officers for the ISA Department, Olene Polishchuk and Olena Bryzhata visited Ukrainian Radio Rivne UA.

This visit was devoted to the Day of Ukrainian Literature and Language, which is celebrated annually in Ukraine on November 9. The team of Ukrainian Radio Rivne has joined the special project of the channel Suspilne "Speak Ukrainian Freely", which will be broadcast daily from October 27. Rivne audio stories are about people who have learned Ukrainian consciously, as it was not their mother tongue.

Our students from different parts of the world shared their stories of mastering the Ukrainian language. In particular, Atakarriev Muhammetguli (Turkmenistan), Elfeituri Hashim (Libya), Atari Younes (Morocco), Ovus Mensa Clinton (Ghana), Trujillo Mathias (Ecuador) told about difficulties they encountered on the way of studying Ukrainian, whether they use it in everyday life and about their plans to further improvement of their skills. You can find our international students experience on air at 87.8 FM.

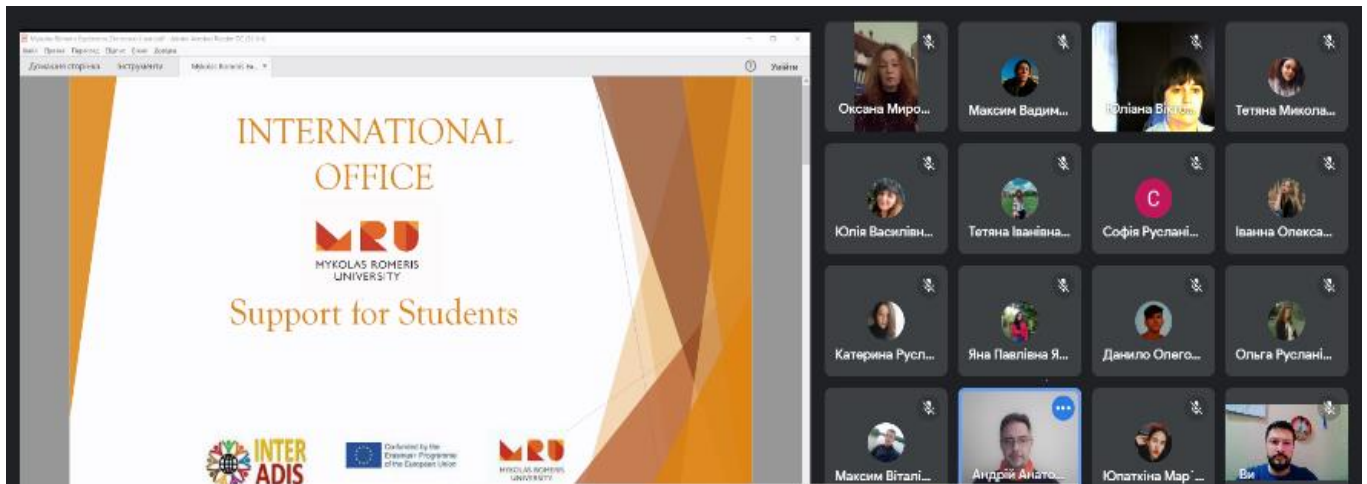
Online meeting with NUWEE Student Parliament

On October 28, 2021, Dmytro Nikitenko, Andrii Podlevskyi, Krasovska Yuliana and Podlevska Oksana carried out an online meeting with NUWEE student parliament within INTERADIS grant project "International Students Adaptation and Integration" (619451-ERR-1-2020-1-NL-EPPKA2-CBHE-JP). It should be reminded that the project is implemented within the framework of Erasmus+ Capacity Building in the Field of Higher Education and is co-financed by the European Union.

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At the meeting, the project participants shared their foreign experience in creating a Students unit, which could be a focal point for the integration of international students into the NUWEE environment.

As a result of the meeting, the initiative to create a student organization, the scope of which would include issues of cooperation with international students, was supported.



Reporting workshop on the SV results to the Mykolas Romeris University

On October 22, 2021 there was in-depth discussion on the results of workshops in Yuriy Fedkovych Chernivtsi National University held on October 4-5, 2021 and study visit to Mykolas Romeris University (Vilnius, Republic of Lithuania), which took place within the INTERADIS grant project "Integration and adaptation of foreign students" (619451-ERR-1-2020-1-NL-EPPKA2-CBHE-JP) during the period from October 10 to 16, 2021

Five representatives of the National University of Water and Environmental Engineering, namely: Vladyslav Solodkyi, Dmytro Nikytenko, Andrii Podlevskyi, Yuliana Krasovska and Oksana Podlevska, participated in the workshop in Chervtsi and study and training visit to Lithuania.

The main project goal is to expand and improve the capacity of higher education institutions of Ukraine in the field of international students' integration and adaptation. The Project is co-funded by the Erasmus+ Program of the European Union with the support of the National Erasmus + Office in Ukraine.

The first day of the study visit covered speeches of representatives of Lithuanian Erasmus + National Agency Vitalijus Zencenko and Greta Kiskiene, Head of the International Office of Mykolas Romeris University (MRU) Audra Dargyte Burokiene, Head of Head of Academic Affairs Centre Inga Dauksiene and Chief Manager for Incoming Students of the International Office Inesa Cvetkova.

Representatives of the Lithuanian Erasmus+ National Agency presented information on Ukraine's place in mobility programs in 2015-2020 and prospects for credit mobility in 2021-2027. Thus, in particular,

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the new stage envisages the introduction of such types of mobility as short-term, mixed and intensive mixed programs.

Audra Dargyte Burokiene, Head of the International Office of Mykolas Romeris University (MRU), presented information on changes in the organizational structure and staff functions of the International Office, who are involved in the process of internationalization of the University since 2016. The structure of the International office of the MRU is similar to our Center for International Cooperation and Education, which also includes departments dealing with credit mobility of domestic students, mobility of teachers, promotion and admission of international students and their support, reception of foreign delegations.

The main goals of the International Office of the MRU and the NUWEE Center for International Cooperation and Education are quite similar: to increase the number of international students (up to 10% of the total number of students), to improve the quality of students, to expand the geography of entrants; to increase the number of students on credit mobility.

Head of Academic Affairs Centre Inga Dauksiene presented its structure and main areas of work. Thus, unlike our Center and due to the peculiarities of migration legislation, the MRU has a Career center, which provides information to international students about possible jobs and available vacancies in the labor market. The instruments of international students' integration into the university environment are interesting. Introductory "0" week, meeting with graduates, supervision, mentoring, student government and the availability of a student guide contribute to smoother integration of international students.

During the introductory "0" week, international students in a clear and simple way integrate into the educational environment, get acquainted with the university infrastructure and values of the university, master the basic academic rules and living conditions, assessment of learning outcomes, curriculum features, etc.

Inesa Cvetkova, Chief Manager for Incoming Students of the International Office, presented detailed algorithm of the process for engaging international students, that is divided it into 2 stages: before arrival and after arrival at the university. What impressed our group the most was the availability of software that helps to digitalize the communication processes between the university and the applicant, starting with the application and ending with the settlement at the university.

The integration of international students upon arrival involves providing to the student a complete package of information on academic information (study schedule, call schedule), campus location, contact details and consultation times, emergency phone numbers, information on preventing the spread of coronavirus infection COVID-19, list possible socio-cultural events.

The work of staff with international students has its own peculiarities, and therefore in the MRU they follow this rule: **"Think in two languages!"**

Laura Stefanovych, President of the MRU Erasmus Student Network, described how senior students help fresh students with both adaptation and integration.



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The project participants also got acquainted with the work of the King Sejong Institute, which is strongly represented in the MRU.

The second day of the visit started with the results of the survey of project participants, which took place on the first day of the visit. According to the survey, all universities have a structural unit that is responsible for promotion, teaching-studying process, international students adaptation. There was also a brainstorming on the experience of interaction and adaptation of international students into a new environment for them.

The presentations prepared by representative of the Marketing Department proved that the problem of using adequate SMM tools in promoting the university and attracting potential students abroad is relevant and very important.

During the question-and-answer session, Dmytro Nikytenko asked Audra Dargyte Burokiene, how the MRU addresses the issue of determining the minimum sufficient number of students in groups and what the MRU does if this minimum number is not achieved.

Also on this day there was a meeting of project participants with the Ambassador of Ukraine to the Republic of Lithuania Volodymyr Yatsenkivskiy. Possible steps of cooperation between educational institutions of Ukraine, the Embassy of Ukraine in the Republic of Lithuania and Lithuanian educational institutions were discussed at the meeting.

The session with the Head of the PhD and Doctoral programs Department, who shared the experience about the peculiarities of their preparation, requirements to the scientific work and opportunities for students to participate in research projects in which MRU is a participant, in particular in the context of sustainable development, was very useful.

The third day of the study visit was also dedicated to the mechanism of advertising of potential international applicants in Lithuania and Vilnius in particular. Thanks to the program "Go Vilnius", international students can learn essential information about Lithuania in an easy and accessible form.

Students from Turkey Hatice Dindar, Emine Ozmen and from Austria Christian Helzlwimmer, who came MRU within the credit mobility program, shared their experiences of adapting and integrating into the university environment, as well as what they do now as mentors to adapt new university students.

The next event was at the Center for Civic Education, which is located on the territory of the Presidential Palace. This is a real modern digital center that educates a citizen of his country, who has knowledge about the history and modernity of his/her country. The exhibit-model was the distribution of state budget expenditures and the possibility of adjusting the share of certain components.

The fourth day of the visit began in an unusual format. The student mentors, who we met on the third day, showed in practice how they conduct a tour in Vilnius. We saw the Cathedral of St. Anna, climbed the Gediminas Tower, took a walk in the Benedictine Gardens, experienced the authenticity of contemporary art in the cultural quarter of the Republic of Užupis and completed the tour in the Town Hall Square.

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In general, the following conclusions can be drawn about the study visit to the Mykolas Romeris University:

1. It is essential to use information technologies at the stage of application and registration of international entrants.
2. All the participants learned how to optimize and structure administrative procedures that will improve the integration of international students into the new environment.
3. Best practices of a roadmap for the adaptation of international students creation were analyzed with the aim to implement at the home university.
4. Conducting an adaptation course for the enrolled international students is of the need.
5. Actively use of modern SMM instruments and relevant social networks to promote the university abroad will make your university effectively visible.
6. A set of organizational measures for smooth integration and adaptation of international students is important.
7. Involvement of state institutions in the process of adaptation and support of university initiatives aimed at attracting international students will help to increase the number of international students at the university.

We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to the MRU staff who prepared such an informative visit and shared their experience in the adaptation and integration of international students.



News from OPSU

The Odessa Polytechnic State University delegation visited Mykolas Romeris University in Vilnius



The INTERADIS project aims to expand and improve the Ukrainian higher education institutions' capacity to adapt and integrate international students. The project is co-financed by the European Union's Erasmus + program and supported by the Erasmus Office in Ukraine.

The project program included this first offline visit of Ukrainian partners to Mykolas Romeris University, Lithuania.

The Odessa Polytechnic State University delegation included the Educational and Scientific Institute of Foreign Students Training representatives and the International Students Dean Office.

The Lithuanian Erasmus+ National Agency representatives acknowledged the Ukrainian and European project partners about the possibilities opened by the Erasmus+ program to promote partnership and mobility between Lithuania and Ukraine, introducing their details on the national statistics of such exchanges at the current stage.

A wide range of international students' admission and marketing procedures have been discussed. In addition, Lithuanian colleagues shared practical experience of integration activities next to the international students' arrival at the university.

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Also, the event participants had in Vilnius a meeting with the Ambassador of Ukraine to Lithuania Volodymyr Yatsenkivsky, who expressed his will to render assistance in that cooperation, shared his ideas and advice on work in the diplomatic sphere as well as on partnership with Lithuanian colleagues.

The delegation assessed that experience gained from European colleagues as very useful for the successful implementation of the INTERADIS project and the embodiment of the internationalization concept at our university, improving the educational environment for international students.

Information meeting of the participants of the study visit from Odessa Polytechnic National University to the Netherlands Business Academy



On November 29, 2021, an information meeting of the participants of the study visit to the #NLBA of the Netherlands Business Academy (Dordrecht, the Netherlands) took place on November 22-26 within the framework of the EU-funded #INTERADIS project with the Vice-Rector for Research and Teaching and International Relations Shobik V. S. The best practices of adaptation and integration of international students at the Dutch Business Academy were discussed at the meeting.

Among the issues discussed were the following:

- Analysis of personality, as well as personal behavior and character
- International communication

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- Student experience
- Feedback exercises
- Negotiation and conflict management
- Integration and communication
- Action research
- Identification of distinctive qualitative characteristics of the individual

The seminar participants identified the priority steps to improve these processes at Odessa Polytechnic National University #OPNU, as well as the next steps in the implementation of the INTERADIS project.



Delegation of the National University "Odessa Polytechnic" visited the Netherlands Business Academy (Dordrecht, the Netherlands)

According to the project program, from November 22, 2021, to November 26, 2021, the second offline visit of Ukrainian partners to the #NLBA of the Netherlands Business Academy (Dordrecht, the Netherlands) took place.

The delegation included the Educational and Scientific Institute representatives for the Training of Foreign Citizens of Odessa Polytechnic National University #OPNU (Saveliev A. A., Kunitsyn M. V.).

The #INTERADIS project aims to expand and improve the capacity of Ukrainian higher education institutions to adapt and integrate international students. The project is co-financed by the European Union program #ErasmusPlus and is supported by the Erasmus Office in Ukraine #ErasmusUA.

During the study visit, primary attention was paid to the analysis of personality, personal behavior, and character, identification of distinctive qualitative characteristics of personality. In addition, particular

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attention was paid to international communication and the integration of international students. Also, exercises were held with feedback and testing the technology of negotiation and conflict management to expand and improve the quality of integration.



The experience gained from European colleagues will be helpful for the successful implementation of the INTERADIS project, the performance of the concept of internationalization, improving the educational environment for international students at our university.

Presentation of the results of the study visit of Interadis project participants to Mykolas Romeris University (Vilnius, Lithuania)

On November 11, 2021, an interdepartmental scientific-methodical seminar was held at the Institute of Foreign Citizens Training of Odessa Polytechnic National University #OPNU, where a report on the implementation of the international project #INTERADIS was presented at the institute. To Mykolas Romeris University, Vilnius, Lithuania #MRU.

Speakers shared the experience of Lithuanian colleagues with the complexity of integration activities after the arrival of international students at the university and for the entire period of study, told about

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the practice of integrated IT technologies for attracting, accepting, administering, and integrating international students. Social networks as the main tools in the process of admission and training and sharing common impressions about the coworking zones spread throughout the university.



Summing up, the project stressed that this project allows not only to expand the geographical opportunities for sharing experiences but also to gain valuable practical skills in open dialogues with colleagues from different countries, which improves the educational environment for international students and improves the concept of internalization and adaptation of international students at our university.

Presentation of the results of the study visit of Interadis project participants to the Netherlands Business Academy (Netherlands, Dordrecht)

On December 2, 2021, a meeting of participants of the international project #INTERADIS from the Institute of Foreign Citizens Training "Odessa Polytechnic" #OPNU was held to present the results of a study visit to the Netherlands Business Academy #NLBA. The main speakers (Saveliev A. A., Kunitsyn M. V.) gave the visit program and a thorough presentation on each program item. During the report, it was noted that #NLBA representatives took a non-trivial approach to draft the project and considered internationalization not as separate measures for foreign nationals but as a generalized problem of interpersonal relationships in a multicultural society. Therefore, they did not start from the specifics of a foreign citizen's stay in a non-cultural environment but from the characteristics of each participant in

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a multicultural environment in terms of overcoming barriers between individuals during the interaction.



Of course, all presentations, workshops, and pieces of training were based on European practices widespread in the Netherlands in general and in the NLBA in particular. Nevertheless, according to the speakers of this meeting, many ideas, approaches, and methods can be effectively used at the stage of language preparation of foreign citizens to join the Free Economic Zone, which should help establish constructive and effective relations between participants in the educational process.

News from KROK

Presentation of INTERADIS at "4th Internationalization Forum"



Forum for Internationalization

„International students’ recruitment: Methods and Instruments”
Andrii Lotariiev
Head of International Office - KROK University

Target Groups:

- International students
- Incoming students
- Incoming teachers
- Administrative staff
- Academic staff
- Ukrainian students

Project results:

- Developed Roadmap, that includes all aspects of international students integration.
- Trained staff.
- Increased quality of training and administrative services.
- Created more favourable environment for international students.
- Project results disseminated.

25 May 2021 Andrii Lotariiev, Head of International Office of KROK University presented Erasmus+ project INTERADIS "International Students Adaptation and Integration" to more than 150 Universities from the EU and beyond at "4th Internationalization Forum" organized online by WSB University / Akademia WSB Dąbrowa Górnicza, Poland 24th-27th May.

This year edition of the forum focused on increasing positive feedback of international students by touching aspects such as students tailored services, inclusive international mobility programs, building up of intercultural competences and students employability skills, integration of international students with local students and academic community etc.

InterUni Forum for Internationalization aims to broaden knowledge, exchange experiences in the field of: supporting foreign students and building intercultural competences; management of foreign student service activities; education in foreign languages; overcoming adaptation problems among foreign students; broadening integration and building attitudes of openness and tolerance in the context of universities and the local environment. The forum is attended by students and employees of universities, experts in the field, representatives of domestic and foreign partner universities. It creates a platform for dialogue between groups involved in the process of providing services and education to foreign students and the local community.

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Meeting with ESN Kyiv within the Frameworks of INTERADIS project



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On November 9, 2021, representatives of International Office and ESN Kyiv (Erasmus Student Network Kyiv) met on Zoom within the frameworks of INTERADIS / International Students Adaptation and Integration project.

«KROK» University was represented by: Anna Drobyna, Project Manager, and Maryna Yevchenko, Administrative Manager. ESN Kyiv was represented by Artem Tselikov, President of ESN Kyiv, and Anna Buziiian, Education Officer.

During the event, presentations were made by «KROK» University and the student organization ESN Kyiv. The mission of the latter is to represent foreign students, providing opportunities for cultural exchange and self-development on the principle of «Students helping students».

Representatives of both organizations discussed ways of further cooperation, in particular ESN Kyiv expressed readiness to provide support to «KROK» University in implementing the Buddy-mentors system in HEI, participation of our foreign students in city tours, other ESN Kyiv events, trainings for future Buddies.

We are looking forward to fruitful cooperation!

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INTERADIS Events within Erasmus Days



On October 20, 2021, the events of the EU Erasmus+ project INTERADIS «Adaptation and Integration of International Students» for students of «KROK» University took place as part of the World Erasmus Days Celebration.

Information Event «Erasmus Day» was organized. The mobility programs as well as Buddy mentoring program as part of INTERADIS project were presented. It was organized by International Office, in particular: Andrii Lotariiev, Head of International Office, Anna Drobyna, Project Manager and Maryna Yevchenko, Administration Manager. The event gathered about 20 participants - graduates of various degrees. They had the opportunity to get information about mobility (exchange) programs implemented at «KROK» University, listen to the success stories of previous participants, learn about the selection procedure and the universities that are offered for selection for the next semester, etc. INTERADIS project was presented and Call for Buddies was announced.

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Buddy System at KROK



GUIDE FOR BUDDY MENTORS

WELCOME TO BUDDY PROGRAM

**New in Ukraine?
Nervous about starting at «KROK» University?**

Buddy is a KROK student who will:

- help you to adjust during your first months
- answer your questions and send you to «right» persons
- do KROK tour for you
- help you to navigate the area
- raise your awareness about Ukraine with City Tour, other extracurricular activities

**Got interested?
Scan QR code, fill in the application form and your Buddy will contact you!**

**Perfect match is guaranteed!
Follow us on Instagram: @buddy_krok**

**Calm down!
Buddies are here to help you!**

Team of KROK University is working on development of Buddy System. Logo of Instagram page #Buddy_KROK is designed, leaflet for newcomers (International students) for buddy search and guide for buddy mentors are prepared, that will be presented at workshop with future buddies. The selection of buddies started since September 2021. By now about 19 candidates consider the opportunity to become buddy for international students, with each of them representatives of international office organize interview. Workshop for future buddies is planned for January 2022.



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ABOUT THE PROJECT

International Students Adaptation and Integration/ *INTERADIS*

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Project duration: 15.11.2020 – 14.11.2023

Project Coordinator: Netherlands Business Academy, the Netherlands.

Project Co-Coordinator: KROK University.

Partners:

- Foggia University, Italy;
- Ostbayerische Technische Hochschule Amberg-Weiden, Germany;
- Mykolas Romeris University, Lithuania;
- Yuriy Fedkovych Chernivtsi National University, Ukraine;
- Odessa National Politechnical University, Ukraine;
- Mariupol State University, Ukraine;
- Sumy National Agrarian University, Ukraine;
- V.N.Karazin Kharkiv National University, Ukraine;
- Ivan Franko National University, Ukraine;
- National University of Water and Environmental Engineering, Ukraine;
- Ukrainian State Center for International Education of the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine;
- Hultgren Nachhaltigkeitsberatung UG, Germany.

Wider objective:

- To integrate international students into Ukrainian and European educational space by the means of cultural, ethnic, social and academic assets.

Specific project objectives:

- To develop and implement Roadmap, that includes all aspects of international students integration and adaptation.
- To improve quality of training and administrative services, assure informational support of international students.
- To upgrade qualifications of administrative and academic staff.
- To create tolerant multicultural international environment at Ukrainian HEIs.
- To disseminate project results among Ukrainian HEIs.

Expected results:

- Developed Roadmap, that includes all aspects of international students integration.
- Trained staff.
- Increased quality of training and administrative services.
- Created more favourable environment for international students.
- Project results disseminated.

Project web-site: <https://interadiscoordinat.wixsite.com/interadis>

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